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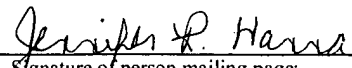
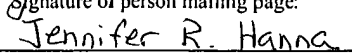
This is in response to the final office action (paper no. 7) mailed June 4, 2003. This response is being filed within the third month after the end of the three-month shortened statutory response period set in the office action. A separate petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith. This extension resets the due date for response to December 4, 2003. A separate Request for Continued Examination is also being filed herewith, along with the appropriate fee.

At the time of filing the application, 20 total claims were paid for, and 3 total dependent claims. After the amendments below, there now stands 20 total claims and 8 independent claims. The check submitted herewith includes \$430 for these additional independent claims.

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